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SPECIAL REPORT OF WIND DAMAGE TO
CALIFORNIA CITRUS

A preliminary check of wind damage to California citrus fruits on January 11 and 12, indicated about 2 percent of the Navel orange crop was a complete loss. This would amount to about 380,000 boxes out of a total crop of Navel and Miscellaneous oranges of 18,900,000 boxes. It appears that an additional 5 to 6 percent or about 1,100,000 boxes were bruised or otherwise injured. Damage was greatest in San Bernardino and Riverside counties where about 4 percent of the 1945-46 crop of Navels is reported a complete loss and about 10 percent more injured. Drying winds may help in checking water rot on the injured fruit. No extensive damage to lemons, grapefruit and Valencia oranges is reported. This quick appriasal is subject to revision as more complete information is obtained. The next estimate of production will be released by the Crop Reporting Board on February 11.

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